Second Sunday of Advent

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MILLBURY
ST. BRIGID OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT:

St. Brigid Parish
59 Main Street, Millbury, MA 01527
Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
(508) 865-6624 • **Fax:** (508) 865-3101

Assumption Parish Phone: (508) 865-2657

St. Vincent de Paul: (774) 262-5506

www.assumptionmillbury.org
www.stbrigidparish.org

Check our websites for individual email addresses.

MASS TIMES

Assumption Church
12 Waters Street

Mon. & Thurs.: 9:00 AM
Tues. & Wed.: 7:00 AM
Sun.: 9:00 AM

St. Brigid Church
59 Main Street

Sat.: 4:00 PM
Sun.: 7:00 AM & 11:00 AM

PASTORAL & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Fr. Dan Mulcahy, *Pastor*

Deacon Ron Buron, K.H.S., *Permanent Deacon*
Facilities Manager

Sister Jeanne Richard, S.A.S.V.,
Pastoral Care Ministry

Claudette Belair, *Music Director*

Greg Bernard, *Faith Formation (Gr. K-12)*
Family Ministry

Kathy Buron, *Safe Environment Coordinator*

Donna Gazaille, *Administrative Assistant*

Ronald Marlborough, *Maintenance Director*

Carol Trainque, *RCIA Director*
Liturgical Coordinator

Members of the staff may be contacted by calling the Parish Offices at (508) 865-6624. The offices are open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM. If the offices are closed, feel free to leave a voicemail and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturdays 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM
or anytime upon request.

Baptism

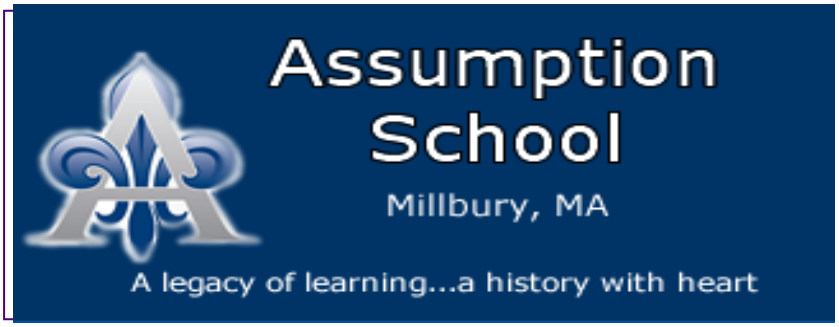
Baptism Gatherings, to prepare families for the sacrament of Baptism, are held 4 times a year. Baptisms are held each month.
For more information, or to make arrangements, please call the parish offices at (508) 865-6624.

Marriage

Please call the rectory at least one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the rectory when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought weekly to all shut-ins.



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Sat., December 3

4:00 PM **Sylvio Bourdeau**
(Birthday Remembrance)
By: His Wife and Family

Sun., December 4

7:00 AM **Paul Grabauskas**
By: Bob and Julia Guertin

9:00 AM **Patricia Wagner**
By: The Flagg Family

11:00 AM **John and Mary Zalieckas and Sister,Dorothy**
By: Bob and Julie Guertin

Mon., December 5

9:00 AM **Nancy Getchell**
By: Her Family

Tues., December 6

7:00 AM **The People of the Catholic Parishes of Millbury**

Wed., December 7

7:00 AM **Antoinette Dupre**
By: Her Family

6:30 PM **A Mass of Thanksgiving**
By: The Mazzone Family

Thurs., December 8

9:00 AM **Marie Laplante**
By: Roland and Caroline Bazin

Sat., December 10

4:00 PM **Louis and Flora Mosher**
By: The Family

Sun., December 11

7:00 AM **Catherine Bannon**
By: Janice Despres

9:00 AM **Frances Messier** (3rd Anniversary)
By: Her Children

11:00 AM **Louis G. Felice** (14th Anniversary) and **Philamena T. Felice** (2nd Anniversary)
By: Their Family

(Our apologies for any errors or misspelled names.)

Wednesday, December 7, 6:30 PM at St. Brigid

L: J. Hanratty *AS: T. Yaz, H. Prue*
EM: K. Buron, P. Michalak

Saturday, December 10, 4:00 PM at St. Brigid

L: K. Levitre *AS: J. Prue, G. & B. Travers*
EM: A. Nocchi, J. Hanratty, H. Quan, F. Kroll

Sunday, December 11, 7:00 AM at St. Brigid

L: T. Mattus *AS: J. Mazeika*
EM: J. Dunn, T. Mattus

Sunday, December 11, 9:00 AM at Assumption

L: C. Brady *AS: D. & C. Piselli*
EM: R. & N. LaFlash, C. Piorkowski, A. Bourdeau

Sunday, December 11, 11:00 AM at St. Brigid

L: M. Sampson *AS: T. & F. Jakubiak*
EM: K. Hession, N. Laliberte

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Scripture for the week of December 4, 2016

4	SUN	Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
5	Mon	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
6	Tue	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
7	Wed	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
8	Thu	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
9	Fri	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
10	Sat	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
11	SUN	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK:

Our Lady of the Assumption Candle

For the People of the Catholic Parishes of Millbury

St Brigid Candles

In loving memory of
Edward F. Wall
Requested by his wife, Julia

In loving memory of
Leo Powers
On the 18th anniversary of his birth to new life
Requested by his family

In loving memory of
Pauline Parzych
On the 7th anniversary of her birth to new life
Requested by Mike and Lucille Maguire

Remember in Prayer this Week:

Those who serve in our Military:

Jimmy Dixon Patrick Hafferty Nicole Leonard
Brandon Perkins Marc Winchester

Reminder: Forms are available at each parish to add names to the Prayer List or call the rectory at 508-865-6624 with your request. Names will be removed on a monthly basis.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER
Prayer Line 508-865-5373

If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, call the confidential prayer line listed above.

Rest in Peace

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the souls of Roland Pardini, Ruth M. Skrip, Dorothy Rucci, Richard MacIntyre and Barbara O'Brien who have gone home to God. May they rest in Christ's eternal light and peace.

REMEMBRANCE SECTION

Would you like to remember a loved one in our Remembrance section? The cost of enrollment will be a $50 donation for the year. Please contact Donna at (508) 865-6624 to enroll your loved one.

In Remembrance:

John & Julia Anger
Lee Aubin
Jeanne Augustine
Larry F. Army
Arthur G. Boucher
Natalie Bourdeau
Patricia Bourdeau
Sylvio E. Bourdeau
Frank Cammuso, Jr.
Gladys Carroll
Philip Chabot, Sr.
Donna "Gain" Cournoyer
Roland O. Couture
Gerald & Peggy Croteau
George A. D'Auteuil, Jr.
George A. D'Auteuil, Sr.
Raymond DeRouin
Armand Desorcy
Joseph Dunn
Timothy P. Eckland
Lois M. Fisher
William Gain, Jr.
Bernice Gaudere
Raymond Godbout
Ruth Gonsorcik
Daniel Guadagnoli
Derek Hamilton
Matthew Hartline
Paul J. Jandron
Joanne Juskavitch
Claire Kobel
Richard Kroll
Lillian Langevin
Tan Le
Edward L. Lemoine
Kevin Lemoine
Rita Lemoine
June Ann Leonard
Lorraine Letendre
Mark Lizotte
William and Irene Louis
Ralph & Helen Ludvigson
Marilyn McLeod
Leo & Jane Metivier
Kenneth Michalak
Mary B. Mrozinski
Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.
Joseph Noonan
Albert Nikosey
John P. O'Malley
Janet Parsekian
Anne Rita Pierce
Elaine Roy
Darlene Russell
Dorothy Russell
Marshall Russell
Michael W. Russell
William Russell
Pauline Smith
C. Richard Stockhaus
Frederick Stockwell
Sandra Lee Stockwell
Margaret E. Stockwell
Joseph F. Stockwell
Neal R. Thomas
Edward Tokus
Robert E. Vaillancourt
Lucille Vecchione
Margaret Wendt
Ronald Woodward
Frank J. Yaz

SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 4TH

Liturgy of the Word for Children @ OLAC/OLAH - 9:00 AM
Faith Formation Gr. 2 @ OLAC - 10:15 - 11:30 AM
Chain of Lights Craft Fair @ SBH - 12:00 - 4:00 PM
Chain of Lights Winter Carnival @ OLAH - 11:30 - 2:30 PM
SLA @ SBH - 7:30 PM

MONDAY ~ DECEMBER 5TH

Adoration @ SBC - 6:00 PM
Novena For Healing @ SBC - 6:30 PM
Umbrella For Life Meeting @ CPO - 7:00 PM
AA @ SBH - 7:00 PM
GA @ OLAH - 7:30 PM

TUESDAY ~ DECEMBER 6TH

CaFÉ @ SBH - 11:00 AM
Holy Hour @ OLAC - 5:50 PM - 6:50 PM
CaFÉ @ OLAH - 7:00 PM
Choir @ SBC - 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY ~ DECEMBER 7TH

Holy Day Vigil Mass @ SBC - 6:30 PM
Prayer Shawl Meeting @ SBH - 7:00 PM

THURSDAY ~ DECEMBER 8TH

Holy Day Mass @ OLAC - 9:00 AM
Scouts @ SBH - 6:00 PM

FRIDAY ~ DECEMBER 9TH

Confirmation @ Cathedral of St. Paul - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY ~ DECEMBER 10TH

Baptism @ SBC - 12 Noon
Boy Scout Troop 110 Pasta Dinner @ SBH - 5:00 - 7:00 PM

SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 11TH
SVDP Food Drive

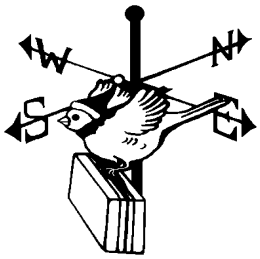
Liturgy of the Word for Children @ OLAC/OLAH - 9:00 AM
Faith Formation Gr. 3-4-5-6 @ OLAH - 10:15 - 11:30 AM
SVDP Gift Pick-Up @ SBH - 1:00 - 2:00 PM
Faith Formation Gr. 7-8-9 @ OLAH - 6:00 - 7:30 PM
SLA @ SBH - 7:30 PM

Masses for the Holy Day will be celebrated on **December 7th** at 6:30 PM at St. Brigid Church and **December 8th** at 9:00 AM (School Mass), at Assumption Church. Please join us at one of these celebrations for the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

On **December 3 and 4**, the second week of Advent, you are asked to bring an unbreakable ornament from your house to place on the tree in God's house. These ornaments will be part of our church decorations this year, and then will be distributed to our community's homebound parishioners next year.

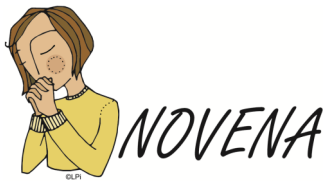
On **December 10 and 11**, please bring your gifts and place them under the giving tree. Please remember to securely tie packages together if there is more than one item for your tag. If you purchase a gift card, please put it in a gift bag or a box and wrap it. All gifts should be wrapped and must be returned no later (**but earlier is fine**) than the weekend of December 10 and 11 at 11:00 AM as the gifts will be packed up that day. If you are unable to purchase the desired gift or have any questions, please call Donna at 508-865-6624.

On **December 17 and 18**, you will receive a special gift from God's house to yours.



Snow Policy… No School/No Mass

For the safety of our parishioners, when school is **canceled or delayed** in the town of Millbury, daily Mass is also canceled.



Please join us for … THE NOVENA FOR HEALING when prayers will be offered for those who struggle with any illnesses or chronic conditions and for those who provide care for them. Each month novena prayers will be raised at St. Brigid Church at 6:30 PM. This month we gather on Monday, December 7th.

Prior to the Novena, beginning at 6:00 PM, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.
It is good that we care for one another and pray for one another. Come and join us as we raise up our sisters and brothers who carry the cross of illness.

STEWARDSHIP

St. Brigid Parish
Income
Weekend of November 19/20, 2016

Regular Weekly Collection	$5,292.00
Electronic Giving (11/14 - 11/20, 2016)	$570.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$5,862.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Mass Stipends	$40.00
Candles	$50.00
Utilities *(includes online when applicable)*	$207.00
Funerals	$600.00
In Remembrance *(Bulletin)*	$150.00
All Saints	$25.00
Grand Annual	$420.00
Christmas Flowers	$75.00
Donation *(AA)*	$75.00
Christmas	$15.00
Immaculate Conception	$12.00
Solemnity of Mary	$12.00
Total Other Income	**$1,681.00**
Total Income for Operating Expenses	**$7,543.00**
Other Non-Parish Income:	
Debt	$434.00
Debt *(Electronic Giving)*	$95.00
Specialty Ministries	$76.00
St. Vincent de Paul	$155.00

St. Brigid Cash Flow
November 17, 2016 - November 23, 2016

Payroll *(Week end 11/19)*	$3,068.08
Payroll Taxes *(Includes Employee's Share)*	$1,253.25
PayChex, Inc. *(Payroll Processing Fee)*	$43.97
RC Bishop of Worcester *(403 B Plan)*	$157.48
Republic Business *(Advent Candles)*	$84.04
Credit Card Fees	$122.97
Liguori *(Adult Faith Formation)*	$31.98
Eversource *(Church)*	$619.78
Eversource *(Parish Offices)*	$166.00
Total Monies Paid	**$5,547.55**

December 4, 2016 **2nd Sunday of Advent**

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Dec. 3/4 ...
Debt

Dec. 10/11 …
Debt

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish
Income
Weekend of November 19/20, 2016

Regular Weekly Collection	$2,167.00
Electronic Giving (11/14 - 11/20, 2016)	$125.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$2,292.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Candles	$10.00
In Remembrance *(Bulletin)*	$200.00
Utilities *(includes online when applicable)*	$75.00
Grand Annual	20.00
Catholic Schools Appeal	$100.00
Christmas Flowers	$75.00
Total Other Income	**$480.00**
Total Income for Operating Expenses	**$2,772.00**
Other Non-Parish Income:	
Debt	$337.00
Debt *(Electronic Giving)*	$50.00
Specialty Ministries	$22.00

Assumption Cash Flow
November 17, 2016 - November 23, 2016

Eversource *(Church)*	$604.07
Republic Business *(Advent & Sanc. Candles)*	$88.95
Total Monies Paid	**$693.02**

YOUTH & FAMILY FORMATION

YOUTH MINISTRY

FOLLOW US ON:
www.facebook.com/sbcyc
or
@ MillburyCYC

YOUTH CENTER THIS WEEK

Youth in grades 7-12 welcome!

Sunday, December 4th
CLOSED/CHAIN OF LIGHTS

Thursday, December 8th
6:30-8:30PM
DECK THE YOUTH CENTER

Sunday, December 11th
CLOSED/FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Sessions December

All sessions begin in Assumption Church Hall promptly at the designated time. Grade 2-6 parents are invited to join their children in Assumption Hall after the 9:00 Mass until 10:15AM for music and opening prayer for each session.

Grade 2	December 4 & 18 10:00 -11:30AM
Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6	December 11 & 18 10:00 -11:30AM
Grades 7, 8 & 9	December 11 & 18 6:00 - 7:30PM

In Gratitude to our Veterans

(Pictured above: (L-R: Lauren O'Connell, Meghan Cote, Jenna Boria, Samantha Guyan, Emma Guyan, and Sylvester Johnson from Veterans, Inc.)

Sunday, Nov. 13th our grade 7-9 Faith Formation students brought many donations of new socks, underwear, hats and gloves for our veterans. Students also attached heart shaped messages of gratitude to their gifts. Items were then delivered to Veterans, Inc. in Worcester, a facility for homeless veterans in the area.

CSAW 2017

SAVE THE DATES
July 31 - August 4
Grades 8-12

CHAIN OF LIGHTS CRAFT FAIR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
12:00-4:00PM in St Brigid Hall

Over 30 crafters and vendors!!
Finger sandwiches, chowder and chili for sale
All Proceeds Benefit CSAW 2017

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Diocese of Worcester
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Phone: 774-262-5506

MONTHLY MEETINGS

3rd Sunday - 10:00 AM
The Offices of the
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
New Members Welcome!

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Monthly: 1st Weekend
Food Bins are located in the Main Entrance of the Church

All food donations must be dropped off on food drive dates and placed in the large blue bins only, no exceptions. NO Perishables, NO Cleanouts

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Monthly: 1st Weekend - 12:15 PM
St. Brigid Church Hall

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST

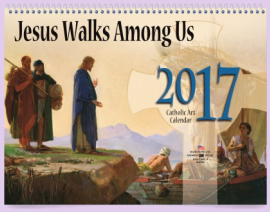
The pantry is in desperate need of the following:

Rice...Hamburger Helper...Pasta...Spaghetti...Cereal…
Canned Chicken...Snacks...Fruit...Applesauce

Please No Perishable, Expired Dates, or Pet Food.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT SHOP

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
507 Park Ave., Worcester (508)752-4232



2017 Calendars

Calendars for 2017 are now available at the entrance of the Churches. We are grateful to our friends at the Mulhane and Turgeon Funeral Homes for making these calendars available to parishioners each year. Thank you!

LOOKING FOR CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING ON CHARTER TV?

Local Diocesan Programming is now on Charter Channel 193; Boston's Catholic TV is on Channel 101, and EWTN is on Channel 18.

Diocesan Multi-cultural Advent Concert
December 4th (2nd Sunday of Advent)
at 2:00 PM
Sacred Heart - St. Catherine of Sweden Parish
596 Cambridge Street, Worcester MA

Come hear Advent music performed by choirs from around the Worcester diocese

All are welcome to this free event !
Pastries and coffee after the music in the Hall

MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE!

Plan now to attend the 44th annual March for Life in Washington, DC on **Friday, Jan. 27, 2017**! Buses will leave from St. Paul's Cathedral on Thurs., Jan. 26 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 P.M., and will travel to the Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Friday morning Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return to Worcester immediately following the March, arriving back at St. Paul's at approximately 1 A.M. on Saturday, Jan. 28. Cost is $70 per seat for registrations postmarked by Dec. 31, and $85 thereafter. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis until all seats are full. For more details and to download registration forms, visit worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life
or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311
or email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org.
Can't attend this year but want to help? Consider making a donation to help defray expenses for our students in need who want to attend. Thank you!

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another," As we await the coming of the Lord, let us live in our marriages with endurance and encouragement. Explore how by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Jan 20-22, 2017 in Duxbury, MA and Mar 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.org.

Assumption School
Millbury, MA
A legacy of learning...a history with heart

Assumption School
Winter Carnival

Sunday, December 4th as part of Millbury Chain of Lights.

11:30 AM until 2:30 PM

Games, crafts, crafters, raffles, candy sale and bake sale

Please join us!!

Assumption School's Student Council conducted a three week food drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry for Thanksgiving. The school yielded **3,207** items from November 1 through November 18. Leonard Mort, the president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Catholic Parishes of Millbury, was present to receive this generous donation. Along with students and staff, members of the Massachusetts Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division also donated to the Assumption School food drive.

RCIA
Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you been a Catholic all of your life and never received all of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation)? Have you joined us from a different faith background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church? If either of the above questions applies to you, we would be happy to help you on your journey. If you would like more information, please feel free to call the parish offices at St. Brigid (508-865-6624), and we would be happy to answer any of your questions and inquiries.

A SEASON OF GIVING ...

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, call
Judith Audette
Office for Healing and Prevention,
(508) 929-4363.
A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

PARISH AND LOCAL AREA NEWS

CHAIN OF LIGHTS

Sunday, December 4th 2016

The Millbury Chain of Lights will be held on Sunday, December 4th from 11 AM - 4 PM. Stop by the Senior Center for some Holiday Festivities. Decorate a Gingerbread Cookie in our Beautiful Vintage Railroad Car. Our Tea Room will have sandwiches and homemade desserts along with wonderful entertainment"

Shop our many Miscellaneous Hand Crafted Items

LARGE RAFFLE TABLE!!

Meet Tony Bristol from 96.1 WSRS and spin the SRS Prize Wheel between 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Free Trolley Rides

"Performing at the Chain of Lights"

Millbury High school Jazz Combo at 12:00 Noon
Irish Step Dancers at 1:00 PM
H & H Dance Academy at 2:00 PM

Millbury Historical Society Museum
Asa Waters Mansion
123 Elm Street, Millbury, MA 01527
Free Admission
2016 Scheduled Museum Opening Dates
Sunday Dec. 4 11:00 - 4:00 PM
Learn more at: www.MillburyHistory.org

YOUR SMILE FOR TODAY ...

Did you hear about the St Michael's Primary School nativity play?

Two children are dressed as Mary and Joseph, and they are on their way to the inn at Bethlehem.

Meanwhile on the other side of the stage, a lad in a shepherd's outfit is on a mobile phone. He is calling the inn to make a reservation.

MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

"CRIBBAGE CLUB" - Join us every Monday at 1:00 PM for our new Cribbage Club! Have Lunch ahead of time at 12 noon to make it a fun filled day! *Noon lunch every Monday through Friday. Suggested donation $2.50. Remember every Friday is special treat day.*
A 48 hour reservation is required.

KARAOKE!!
Every Tuesday at 11AM
Join us at the Senior Center for some SING-A-LONG FUN with our **new** Karaoke Machine!

"PASTEL DREAMERS"
ADULT COLORING CLASSES
Every Thursday 10 - 11:30 AM
NO SUPPLIES NEEDED!
Come give it a try. It's a very relaxing activity.

BRIDGE CLUB
Fridays at 12:30 PM.
Please give us a call and let us know if you are interested, 508-865-9154.

RMV TRANSACTIONS

Every Wednesday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

We focus on Duplicates/Renewals for Licenses, Registrations, Mass ID, and Placard Cards along with Changes of Address. Call us for an appointment! 508-865-9154

Visits to our SHUT-INS

ELDERLY AND/OR HOMEBOUND

Transportation available - 4:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Brigid Church. This ministry is sponsored by both parishes utilizing a handi-capable van.
For information call Deacon Ron (508) 865-6624.

SHUTTLE INFORMATION

Saturday, December 3	**Michelle Desorcy**
Saturday, December 10	**Robert Gauthier**
Saturday, December 17	**Gene Corridori**
Saturday, December 24	**Jerry Willette**
Saturday, December 31	**Chris Brady**

If you know of a parishioner - who is homebound or shut-in, please contact Deacon Ron at (508) 865-6624 to set up a time to receive Communion